

## [Cleve Hallenbeck]

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CLEVE HALLENBECK - AUTHOR [?] Meteorologist , Scientist, Artist, Author of "Spanish Missions of the Old Southwest",

"Legends of the Spanish Southwest", "The Climatic Factor in Ethnic Divergence," and

Numerous Other Scientific Magazine Articles.

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Undoubtedly no one has ever been more valuable - from a scientific point of view - to Roswell and Pecos Valley in New Mexico than Cleve Hallenbeck, who has been head of the weather Bureau stationed in Roswell since 1915. During this year he was advanced to Scientific Rank on the bureau, in which he has remained continuously, with interests and activities being extended, not only in this work of his chosen profession but in other important scientific and cultural developments.

Mr. Hallenbeck was born at Xenia , Illinois, February 4, 1885. his parents were Charles S. Hallenbeck, born at Franklinton, New York, and Frederica Augusta (Schleuter) Hallenbeck - born at Potsdam , Germany - a descendant of the old German family of Von [Bleum?].

When an infant three months old Cleve Hallenbeck moved with his parents to a farm near Salem , Illinois, where he lived until he was a young man eighteen years old... until 1903. "The next five years in succession", says Mr. Hallenbeck, he was "a railway employee, a grocery clerk, a school teacher, and a Federal employee, thus going, rapidly, from bad to worse." C18 - 6/5/41 - N. Mex.

Even though Mr. Hallenbeck stood high in every subject in his completed high school course at Salem , Illinois, and in the Valparaiso 2 University in Indiana, and Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, he says: "I consider such as time wasted," and states that in his opinion, "the only education worthwhile is that gained in the best University of all - the ;School of Experience".

Mr. Hallenbeck entered the service of the U.S. Weather Bureau in 1908. He gained his preliminary training and experience at: "Atlanta, Pueblo, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Fort Worth, Chicago, Houston and Denver," after which he received his assignment to Roswell, where he has remained ever since and established his permanent home.

In 1930 Mr. Hallenbeck was married to Miss Juanita H. Williams, who was born February 2, 1905 at Vincennes, Indiana, and graduated at Vincennes University in 1925. The couple

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have one child, a daughter named [Pomona?], age six years. Mrs. Hallenbeck - who is also a writer, contributing to New Mexico Magazines and historical articles to periodicals throughout the country - collaborates with Mr. Hallenbeck in historical works. As stated by Mr. Hallenbeck: "She is my most uncompromising and therefore, most helpful critic."

Mr. Hallenbeck's hobby is the Spanish history of the Southwest. He is the author of "Spanish Missions of the old Southwest" published in 1926, and in collaboration with Mrs. Hallenbeck, of "Legends of the Spanish Southwest" published in 1938. Many of the splendid illustrations of this book were done by Mr. Hallenbeck.

Among his outstanding scientific contributions that have received National interest and praise are: "The Climatic Factor in Ethnic Divergence", published in 1920, and "Types of Thunderstorm Circulation", published in 1922, which was prepared by request for the "Pilot's Handbook" for Transcontinental air lines. Shorter 3 scientific articles, receiving flattering notice, were, "Sensible Temperatures" (1924) and "The Temperature of Civilization" (1925).

At present Mr. Hallenbeck is collaborating with Dr. Carl Sauer, of the University of California upon a volume entitled, "The Journey and Route of Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca," which is practically completed and will probably appear before the end of 1939. He is also preparing a volume on the history of the old Spanish road from Mexico City to Santa Fe, which he states will terminate his researches into the Spanish history of the Southwest.

Mr. Hallenbeck is a member of the "New Mexico Historical Society", and is a charter member of the "Advancement of Science and American Meteorological Society" to which he was elected a fellow in 1920, with the distinction of being, at that time, the youngest of thirty-two fellows in a membership of about 1100.

Outstanding characteristics of Mr. Hallenbeck are: frankness and sincerity. He can be depended upon absolutely in advice and cooperation given by him in important business

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and industrial developments in which his scientific knowledge, and meteorological in training and experience, are invaluable.

He likes a quiet life, is unassuming in manner, and cares nothing for society and education. When he is convinced that a cause is worthy, he is generous and kind, and is firm - in his decisions amounting almost to stubbornness, on any subject whereon his scientific training has to bear.

Mr. Hallenbeck states that his is a "free lance in thought, word and deed." Twice he has refused to enter into contracts for periodical supplies of historical material. He belongs to no [?] 4 secret organizations, for the reason that, "such affiliation might restrict my freedom to say, or write, what I please."

The scientific and cultural contributions of Mr. Hallenbeck have indeed proved of great value to the community around Roswell and to the State of New Mexico.